



697 (7th Cir. 1999)), they are not entitled to general dispensation from the rules of procedure (*Jones v. Phipps*, 39 F.3d 158 163 (7th Cir. 1994)).

Without a complaint, the Court cannot ascertain the basis for jurisdiction. *See Bell v. Hood*, 327 U.S. 678, 681-82 (1946); *Greater Chicago Combine and Ctr., Inc. v. City of Chicago*, 431 F.3d 1065, 1069-70 (7th Cir. 2005). More to the point, the Court cannot consider an application for injunctive relief in the absence of a complaint.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction/temporary restraining order (Doc. 1) is **DENIED** without prejudice. On or before August 27, 2013, Plaintiff shall file a complaint, thereby properly initiating an action. If Plaintiff still seeks a temporary restraining order or other injunctive relief, he must file a new motion, along with the complaint. Failure to file a proper complaint by the prescribed deadline will result in the dismissal of this action for lack of subject matter jurisdiction; such a dismissal shall count as one of his allotted "strikes" under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g), and Plaintiff will remain obligated to pay the filing fee. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1); *Lucien v. Jockisch*, 133 F.3d 464, 467 (7th Cir. 1998).

The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to send Plaintiff a copy of this Order, along with a blank civil rights complaint form, and Instructions for Filing a Pro Se Civil Complaint for Civil Rights Violations.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED: August 6, 2013**

s/ G. PATRICK MURPHY  
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**